

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

**Listing of Claims**

1 – 11. (Canceled)

12. (New) A protective cover which is intended for sporting rifles comprising screws which are used to fix a shell propulsion mechanism to a rifle support, characterised in that the cover has predetermined dimensions in function of the area to be covered, said area to be covered including the heads of the screws that fix the shell propulsion mechanism to the support and because it also comprises means for fixing the cover to the mentioned sporting rifle.

13. (New) A cover in accordance with claim 12, characterised in that the support has a recess on part of its exterior surface that coincides, at least partially, with the area to be covered, with such a shape and size that at least part of the perimeter portion of the cover mates with the said recess.

14. (New) A cover in accordance with claim 12, characterised in that it also includes some means of positioning the cover on its interior face with respect to the rifle.

15. (New) A cover in accordance with claim 14, characterised in that the said means of positioning are formed by at least two projections on the said interior face of the cover that are able to fit into at least two blind orifices on the rifle support.

16. (New) A cover in accordance with claim 12, characterised in that it is transversally convex towards the exterior and longitudinally elongated.

17. (New) A cover in accordance with claim 12, characterised in that at least part of its exterior surface is smooth and can bear graphic printed information on its exterior surface.

18. (New) A cover in accordance with claim 12, characterised in that it is in a single piece obtained through the injection molding of plastic material.

19. (New) A cover in accordance with claim 12, characterised in that the said means of securing consists of at least two push-fit, elastic-fitting pins and because the support for the rifle comprises at least two housings that receive and fit around the said pins.

20. (New) A cover in accordance with claim 19, characterised in that the said at least two pins are four.

21. (New) A cover in accordance with claim 19, characterised in that the said pins have a mushroom shape.

21. (New) A cover in accordance with claim 12, characterised in that the said means of securing consist of some adhesive means.